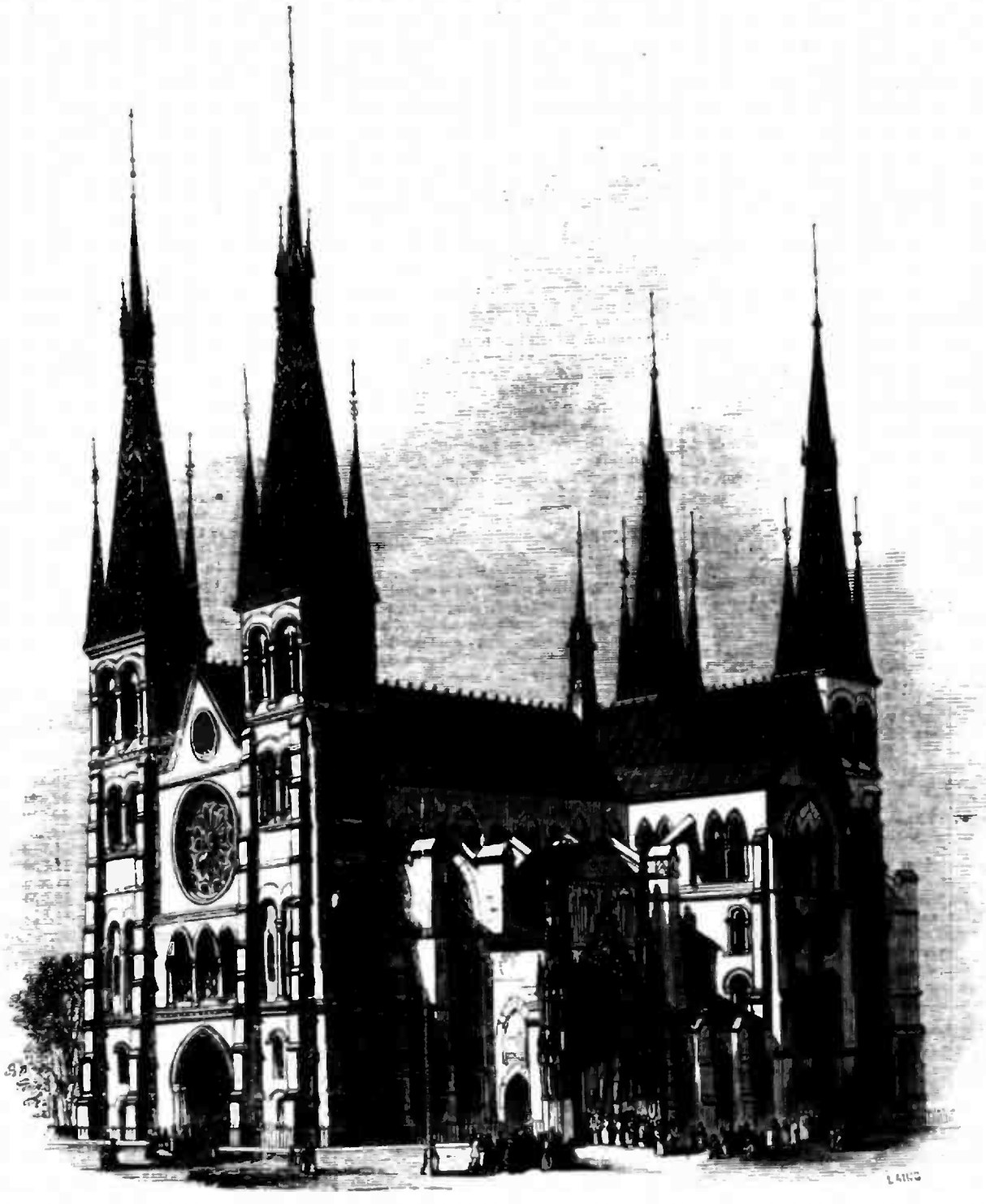
CATHEDRAL OF NOTRE DAME, CHALONS-SUR-MARNE.

AS PROPOSED TO BE RESTORED.



CHURCH OF NOTRE DAME, CHALONS-SUR-MARNE.

The city of Chalons is situated on a fertile plain, watered by the Marne, the Mau and the Nau. It still retains many features of its ancient strength and importance; and the wall which fortified it during the turbulent middle ages still partially exists. The Hotel de Ville is an attraction to tourists; but the principal feature of the place is the fine Church of Notre Dame, which adorns it, and which, to use the words of the Curé M. Champenois, "for the regularity of its plan, for the purity of its style, for the grace and majesty of its details, takes an honourable position among the most remarkable edifices in France." This beautiful church, founded in the twelfth century, presents many interesting features of the transition between the circular and pointed styles of architecture, and abounds with beautiful details. The stained-glass windows, executed in 1520, are one of the sights of the place; the rood-loft is also exceedingly beautiful, and the portal is fine. But the great external feature of the church was the four spires, and the pinnacle in the centre of the roof, which were destroyed in the revolution of 1793, only one surviving the ravage. They were covered with lead, and were exceedingly light and elegant in design. The present curé, whose words we have quoted above, with a laudable desire to re-instate its ancient glories, has issued a circular requesting subscriptions towards the restoration of what he justly considers "a monument of the nation's glory." There can be little doubt of the propriety of thus directing attention to the reparation of much that is beautiful in the national monuments of France. Some of the restorations now going on there are worthy examples, which all true lovers of art would be glad to see followed in England as well as in France. Our engraving represents the church as it will appear when restored.

IMPORTANT CHANGES IN THE ROYAL SOCIETY.

For two years, at intervals, the council of the Royal Society have discussed the desirability of altering the mode of electing fellows, with the view of limiting the number of new members to be annually admitted, and preventing the introduction of persons whose claims are trifling, and they have at last come to the following resolution on the subject. After the commencement of March next, as we understand it, there will be but one election, of fifteen fellows, in the year; the first being in March, 1848. The names of candidates will be suspended the whole year, and just preceding

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